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TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT WPS ON FINLAND-EAST EUROPEAN TRADE AGREEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 156737; (B) GENEVA 5197

1. PER INSTRUCTION REFTEL (A), WE RECRUITED A RELUCTANT EC TO HAVE ANOTHER GO AT FINLAND, HUNGARY, ET AL TO SCHEDULE SUBJECT TRADE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER OF SIGNATURE. IN INFORMAL MEETING JULY 16 WHICH INCLUDED WP CHAIRMAN EASTERBROOK-SMITH, LUYTEN OF EC, NYERGES OF HUNGARY, SAHLGREN OF FINLAND, AND KAUTZOR OF SECRETARIAT, AMONG OTHER, SAHLGREN AND NYERGES ASKED WHY WE WANTED "CHANGE" IN ORDER OF WPS. U.S. AND EC SAID COUNCIL NEVER ADDRESSED SUBJECT OF SCHEDULING ORDER. SALHGREN, NYERGES ASKED WHY WE INSISTING SO STRONGLY ON

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QUESTION OF ORDER; SAID THERE MUST BE SOME "SPECIAL REASON"

WHICH NEEDS EXPLAINING. WE SAID SAME ARGUMENT COULD BE APPLIED TO FINLAND-EAST EUROPEAN PREFERRED ORDER AND THUS ONLY OBJECTIVE CRITERION WOULD BE TO TAKE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER OF SIGNATURE. DISCUSSION DESCENDED TO "WE ASKED YOU FIRST" LEVEL, AND U.S. AND EC FINALLY SIMPLY SAID WE WOULD REFLECT. (NOTE: MORNING OF JULY 17, US AND EC INFORMED CHAIRMAN EASTERBROOK-SMITH WE COULD ACDEPT SCHEDULING ON BASIS OF NOTIFICATION.)

2. ALL PARTIES IN DISCUSSION AGREED THAT WPS WOULD MEET CONSECUTIVELY AND THAT FIRST MEETINGS WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT REACH CONCLUSIONS. WP MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22-26.

3. WOULD BE HELPFUL NOW HAVE WASHINGTON REACTION TO SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL (B), AS OTHER DELS BEGINNING TO CLEAR OUT FOR VACATION PERIOD. DALE

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